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For: EXPENSE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM,  
EXPENSE MANAGEMENT APPARATUS,  
AND EXPENSE MANAGEMENT METHOD

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated February 25, 2009 (Paper No. 20090220). Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.